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3617

Examiner Name

Sotelo, Jesus D.

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ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form



Fee Attached



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After Final



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Information Disclosure Statement



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Drawing(s)



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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Utility Filing Fee	790	395	
Design Filing Fee	350	175	
Plant Filing Fee	550	275	
Reissue Filing Fee	790	395	
Provisional Filing Fee	160	80	
Subtotal (1) \$			0

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES		Small Entity	
Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	
Each claim over 20	18	9	
Each independent claim over 3	88	44	
Multiple dependent claims	300	150	
For Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	18	9	
For Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	88	44	
Total Claims	24	Extra Claims	4
- 20 or HP =		Fee (\$)	9
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		Fee Paid (\$)	36
Indep. Claims	7	Extra Claims	4
- 3 or HP =		Fee (\$)	44
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3		Fee Paid (\$)	176
Multiple Dependent Claims		Fee (\$)	
		Fee Paid (\$)	
Subtotal (2) \$		212	

3. OTHER FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
1-month extension of time	110	55	
2-month extension of time	430	215	
3-month extension of time	980	490	
4-month extension of time	1,530	765	
5-month extension of time	2,080	1,040	
Information disclosure stmt. fee	180	180	
37 CFR 1.17(q) processing fee	50	50	
Non-English specification	130	130	
Notice of Appeal	340	170	
Filing a brief in support of appeal	340	170	
Request for oral hearing	300	150	
Other:			
Subtotal (3) \$		0	

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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF)	Attorney Docket No. 32531.004
CONSTRUCTING OFFSHORE)	
PLATFORMS)	

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 3, 2004, please enter the following amendments to the specification, claims, and remarks as follows.

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